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TITLE: *SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURE AUTHENTICATION OF  
EXTERNAL SOFTWARE MODULES PROVIDED BY THIRD PARTIES*

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- 20 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 27 Claims
- 4 Sheets of Drawings (FIGS. 1-4)
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